

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-26 have been cancelled in a previous amendment.

Claim 45 has been added and the addition does not add new matter.

Claim 30 has been amended and the amendments do not add new matter.

Claims 27-45 are pending.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 30 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Applicant has amended claim 30 to recite the proper antecedent basis and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 27, 29-37, and 42-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by European Patent Application 0 559 179 to Pozzobon et al. ("Pozzobon"). The Examiner contends that Pozzobon discloses all of the elements of the claims. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 27 recites that “each wheel is independently suspended on the carriage”. In contrast, Pozzobon discloses a skate in which only the end wheels are independently suspended. *See, e.g.* Pozzobon, Figure 1. The central wheel is fixed and thus Pozzobon does not anticipate the present claims. Further, claims 29-37 and 42-44 depend from claim 27 and are allowable based at least on

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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